

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Sabine-Angelina Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Sabine-Angelina Resource Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

16618

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/21/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/21/2018

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.

13. Effective Date

10/03/2008

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
RAC Meeting Agenda – June 19, 2018 3:00 PM - Call Meeting to Order 3:05 PM - Review/Approve Minutes from 11/03/2016 Meeting. 3:10 PM - Approve resignation from Felix Holmes 3:15 PM - Discuss / Recommend / Approve Title II Projects 4:00 PM - Provide opportunity for review and discussion of RAC Title III funds planned uses by counties. 4:30 PM - Collaboration of RAC: a) Forthcoming Stewardship Projects b) Future Restoration Projects 5:30 PM - Set Next Meeting Date 5:35 PM - Public Forum 5:45 PM - Adjourn	06/19/2018	06/19/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$20,360.00	\$20,360.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$159.00	\$159.00
18d. Total	\$20,519.00	\$20,519.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.30	0.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act resource advisory committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343. The Act describes the duties of the committees as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service officials; to provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee is comprised of 15 members, five in each of three categories prescribed in the Act. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Committees are formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within a participating county or counties has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee generally will meet 1-4 times per year or as needed to perform its duties, or as often as needed.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

In FY2018, 4 additional projects recommended and approved at the June 19, 2018 meeting totaling \$89,699. There were 3 reserve projects approved for future funding in case the Sabine RAC was without a quorum. Two of the four approved projects for FY18 have already been completed.

Designated Federal Officer

Kimpton M. Cooper District Ranger, Angelina/Sabine Ranger District

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Denby, Marla	05/04/2016	08/10/2021	Shelby County Justice of Peace Pct. #2	Representative Member
Dructor, Daniel	04/22/2016	04/22/2020	Executive VP for the American Loggers Council	Representative Member
Eeds, W. Tony	02/14/2011	08/10/2019	Recreationalist	Representative Member
Harbison, Allison	04/22/2016	04/22/2020	Shelby County Judge	Representative Member
Harris, Roy	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Campground Owner / Manager	Representative Member
Holmes, Felix	02/14/2011	01/09/2018	Retired - USDA Forest Service; Member - Sabine County Historical Society	Representative Member
Johns, Daniel	05/04/2016	08/10/2021	XTO Energy, Inc.	Representative Member
Johnson, Samye	04/22/2016	04/22/2020	San Augustine County Judge	Representative Member
Lout, Jimmy	02/14/2011	08/10/2019	Owner - Jimmy Lout Logging	Representative Member
McDaniel, James	02/14/2011	08/10/2019	Commissioner - Precinct 2	Representative Member
Melton, Daryl	04/22/2016	04/22/2020	Sabine County Judge	Representative Member
Mills, Karen	04/22/2016	04/22/2020	Doctor of Audiology	Representative Member
Parks, Gary	04/22/2016	04/22/2020	Sabine River Authority	Representative Member
Risinger, Paul	02/14/2011	08/10/2019	Previous Member of the Board of Directors - Dera Park and The Golf Committee	Representative Member
Thomas, Veronica	02/14/2011	08/10/2019	Board Member - Sabine County Historical Foundation	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

This Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is mandated by Congress, under section 205 of P.L. 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of national forest ecosystems and improve cooperative

relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees specifically support Forest Service strategic goals to 1. Restore, sustain, and enhance the national forests; and 2. Provide and sustain benefits to the American people.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| Improvements to health or safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

Not applicable.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

Not applicable.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

Number of Recommendations Comments

There have been 28 projects recommended / approved to date. (4 for FY18, 21 from previous FYs and 3 reserved for future).

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

86%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

14 projects have been completed 6 were cancelled or withdrawn 4 Reserve projects awaiting future funding

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

11%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

There are 3 projects that were approved in FY18 for future funding in case we didn't have a quorum.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Forest Service (FS) Designated Federal Official regularly reports to the committee on whether recommended projects proposals are or are not approved by the FS. The DFO also reports on actions taken to implement approved projects. This may take the form of verbal reports and presentations at committee meetings, committee field trips and monitoring activities.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities

☐

Reallocated resources

☐

Issued new regulation

☐

Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not applicable.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

No grants reviewed.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Not applicable.